

## A School with Opportunity

The curriculum experience for boys is accentuated outside the classroom. We currently offer over 43 different cultural activities, sports and clubs in the school. There is something for everyone and every ability. Young men are challenged, grow in confidence and compete on the regional and national stage.



# 100% Completion

100% of the learning completed  
100% of the time

## Outdoor Education

The OBHS Lodge situated in the Matukituki Valley, Mt Aspiring National Park, is the jewel in our crown. All students have an opportunity to use this fantastic facility in one of the world's premier environments. Learning happens through a broad range of activities including rock climbing, abseiling and rafting.

'Best for Boys Through the Right Learning' frames all that we do. The learning and systems underpinning the school form a positive, engaging school culture. We celebrate the tall poppies and we push the middle boy. We are large enough to offer a wide and deep curriculum, small enough to know your son.



The Arts allows young men the opportunity to develop skills and confidence. Our school offers an extensive range of opportunities in the Arts, from Choir to Rockquest, Debating to Drama. Itinerant music lessons also broaden the experience for our boys.



## Otago Boys' High School

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## Prospectus

## Sport

In sport our boys excel locally and nationally. We hold NZ rankings in basketball, rugby, volleyball, cricket, rowing and hockey as well as provincial rankings in futsal, softball, life saving, golf and skiing. Team work, competition and work ethic drive our boys and teams ever higher. Students also have the option to choose high performance sport classes. The school has a number of top level coaches and former NZ representatives to help our boys excel at their chosen sport. The range of sports the school offers is impressive.





Welcome

Otago Boys' High School sits 'above the city'. Our position as one of New Zealand's finest state funded boys' schools gives us the best perspective on boys' learning. Our school roll gives us the opportunity to have a full and varied curriculum while our size allows us to know every boy. Our world heritage campus, close to the city centre, provides the best facilities for learning, for culture and for play.

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### Leadership

Leadership is an important component of the school. Boys show personal leadership and have the ability to lead their own learning. Our sports and cultural teams have 'captains' and our House system allows another layer of leadership. At the top are our prefects. A small, hand selected group of students who take great pride and

responsibility in leading our school. Junior leaders are selected and put through a specialised programme.

All staff and students belong to a House. The four Houses are all named after significant Old Boys - Aspinall, McIndoe, Park and Saxton. The House competitions add to the fine spirit in the school.

### Traditional Values Modern Learning

Our boys are expected to follow the 100% completion philosophy, to give their all to everything, all the time. This value allows our school to embrace a mixture of established and modern learning practices.

We are a school that gets the balance right between traditional and contemporary learning.

### 'A Heart of Oak'

The education of boys to men, and the ability to learn, thrive and achieve highly are central to our school. At its core is a 'heart of oak', the ability to be strong, to stand through the difficult times, to maintain grace and poise, to renew and relearn when required.



## A Range of Programmes

Boys learn in a variety of ways - our school offers them different styles and a range of learning programmes to suit.

In Years 9 and 10, students enjoy a wide range of options across all eight essential learning areas.

In Years 11 - 13 the ability to design courses of learning that suit individual students is a strength.

Our dedicated careers team and learning programmes such as University courses, Gateway and the Trades Academy ensure that a range of future options is covered. A high number of our students receive University scholarships and apprenticeships straight from school.

## The Keys to Success

High expectations	Strong support and encouragement
Careful course planning	Regular monitoring
Wide range of curriculum options	Opportunities for extension
'Best for Boys' teaching	Mentoring

## An Academic Curriculum

We offer a wide and varied academic curriculum. Our top classes are pushed to excel, with the opportunity for our more able students to achieve NCEA standards ahead of their peers. Small classes in the middle group ensure our philosophy of extending the middle boy happens. Additionally our dedicated learning support team ensure those with learning issues have the same opportunity to achieve.

## Communication to Parents

Parents are encouraged to communicate with the school often. Regular reporting for the seniors, credits to date, the ability to track student progress remotely, frequent email contact and the school's PTA offer parents the opportunity to be involved. Weekly newsletters allow parents and students to see what's going on.

## School House

Our Hostel offers boys from all over the world the opportunity to live and learn together and to access the fine education the school offers. Regularly reviewed by the school and ERO, the Hostel is a safe, structured home away from home environment, where boys thrive in Hostel brotherhood. A dedicated Director of Boarding and Matron, alongside the Housemasters, ensure that the Hostel runs well and communication to parents is a priority.



## Otago Boys'- Academic Excellence for Boys

Otago Boys' High School	Academic Year	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	National	Academic Year	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
		NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3			NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3
Excellence	2013	22.6	21.7	14.6	National	2013	17.1	13.3	11.4
	2014	21.3	16.3	27.9		2014	17.8	14.3	12.8
	2015	19.0	26.7	21.2		2015	18.6	14.9	13.8
	2016	25.5	27.5	23.7		2016	19.8	16.1	14.7
	2017	24.3	26.2	26.0		2017	20.0	16.1	15.6
Merit	2013	22.6	21.7	14.6	National	2013	34.4	26.6	28.5
	2014	21.3	16.3	27.9		2014	34.9	26.8	28.9
	2015	19.0	26.7	21.2		2015	34.5	26.5	28.5
	2016	25.5	27.5	23.7		2016	34.5	26.5	28.0
	2017	33.3	24.6	24.0		2017	35.3	26.9	27.9



## Student Support

Our school takes its role in developing 'great men' seriously. The form teacher is involved on a daily basis, and the Deans and Guidance Counsellor, and Senior Leaders all work together to ensure a culture for learning. Parents are informed often, and through our Student Management System, they can track progress as often as they like.

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